

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please CANCEL claim 2-10 in accordance with the following:

1. (original) Bidirectional signal processing method for the robust parallel transmission of digital transmit data streams in regular and singular radio channels of a multiple input-multiple output radio transmission system (MIMO system) having n_T transmit antennas and n_R receive antennas with a rank-adaptive matching of the data transmission rate to the total currently available channel capacity while keeping constant the maximum transmit power P_{tot} as the sum of all subchannel powers P_i where $i = 1 \dots \min(n_T, n_R)$, with the rank-adaptive matching of the data transmission rate in respect of the channel matrix H to the currently available channel capacity being performed by means of a variation, continuously adjusted to the current channel behavior, of n_d currently used subchannels and the spectral efficiency K of the at least one selected coding and modulation method, comprising the following method steps which are to be cyclically repeated:

I) Determination of the channel matrix H on the transmit and the receive side of the MIMO system according to

$$y = Hx + n \quad (1)$$

where y = receive vector

x = transmit vector

n = noise vector

II) Singular value decomposition $SVD(H) = UDV^H$ of the known channel matrix H with the maximum rank ($n_T \times n_R$) on the transmit side and the receive side of the MIMO system for determining the unitary transformation matrices U and V as well as the diagonal matrix D containing the ordered singular values $\sqrt{\lambda_i}$, derived from the eigenvalues λ_i of the subchannels on the left main diagonal.

III) Modification of the transmit data vector x on the transmit side of the MIMO system by means of a linear matrix-vector multiplication according to

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{d} \quad (2)$$

where $\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_d} P_i}{P_{tot}}} =$ amplification factor for limiting the total transmit power P_{tot} ,

where \mathbf{V} = right unitary transformation matrix according to II)

where \mathbf{Q} = diagonal transmit matrix containing the values $\sqrt{P_i}$ on the left main diagonal

and

where \mathbf{d} = current transmit data vector containing the variable length $n_d \leq \min(n_T, n_R)$

from the support of n_d subchannels for the parallel transmission of the transmit data streams

IV) Multiplication of the currently received transmit data vector \mathbf{d}' on the receive side of the MIMO system where $\gamma \mathbf{U}^H$, from which through insertion according to I) and II) it follows

$$\mathbf{d}^* = \gamma \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{d} + \gamma \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{n} \quad (3)$$

V) Determination of the n_d components d_k^* of the currently received, modified transmit data vector \mathbf{d}^* from IV) according to

$$d_k^* = \sqrt{\lambda_k \cdot P_k \cdot d_k + \gamma \cdot \tilde{n}_k} \quad (4)$$

where $k = 1 \dots n_d$

VI) Selection of the subchannel powers P_i according to

a) with an optimal rank-adaptive support for all subchannels $P_i > 0$ based on the water-filling principle WF according to

$$P_i = \left(\mu - \frac{\sigma_n^2}{\lambda_i} \right)^+ \quad (5)$$

where $(a)^+ = 0$ for $a = 0$ and $(a)^+ = a$ for $a \neq 0$

where μ = fill factor which is chosen so that $\sum_{i=1}^{n_d} P_i = P_{tot} \Rightarrow \gamma = 1$

where σ_n^2 = noise power at the receiver (normalizable to 1)

which yields the number n_d of the currently usable subchannels for a modification of the current transmit data vector \mathbf{d} according to

$$n_d = |\{i : P_i > 0\}| \quad (6)$$

and which yields a variable signal-to-noise ratio according to

$$SNR_k^{WF} = \frac{\lambda_i \cdot P_i}{\sigma_n^2} \quad (7)$$

or

b) with a suboptimal rank-adaptive support for all subchannels according to the adaptive channel inversion principle ACI where $\mathbf{DQ} = \mathbf{I}$ where \mathbf{I} = unity matrix for a complete interference cancellation according to

$$P_i = \frac{1}{\lambda_i}, \quad (8)$$

where the number n_d of the currently usable subchannels is selected for a modification of the current transmit data vector \mathbf{d} such that the spectral efficiency K of the transmission is maximized and a constant signal-to-noise ratio is produced according to

$$SNR_k^{ACI} = \frac{P_{tot}}{\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} \frac{1}{\lambda_i}} \quad (9)$$

VII) Selection of the optimal coding and modulation method based on the determined signal-to-noise ratio SNR_k^{WF} or SNR_k^{ACI} with specification of a bit error rate BER to be complied with, where

in case **a)** of the optimal rank-adaptive channel support, the optimal coding and modulation method is selected in each case for each of the n_d active subchannels or

in case **b)** of the suboptimal rank-adaptive channel support, a common coding and modulation method is selected for all n_d active subchannels.

Claims 2-10 (cancelled)